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From the London Papers, Sept. 24.

Lisbon, Aug. 21. The English packet-boat, which was stopped here a few days ago, by order of the Court, on account of its contraband trade, and for the violence committed by the crew on the Custom-house officers, was released the day before yesterday, and sailed; but her Majesty sent an express immediately after to London, with complaints of the violence of the crew of the said English ship, and of their contraband trade.

Leghorn, Aug. 21. The Lady of General Murray, Governor of Minorca, arrived here this morning on board a Venetian ship from that island.

Genoa, Aug. 25. On the 28th inst a Ragusan ship arrived in this port from Gibraltar in 26 days, where she was stopped by the English in her passage to Cadiz with a cargo of corn. The Captain informs us, that notwithstanding the vigilance of the Spaniards, that fortress is supplied with all sorts of fresh provisions, particularly from Algiers, and that the fire was much united both on the part of the besiegers and the besieged.

Lemberg, in Poland, Aug. 27. This province has been greatly afflicted by locusts, which have ravaged it in many places, particularly at Snyatin, where some swarms of them settled on the 5th instant, but these were only the van-guard of an infinitely greater number which passed on the 12th, directing their course to Horodenka and beyond it; when they departed they were seen flying for six hours successively without resting, and forming a thick cloud. Their number must have been still greater in Podolia: One of our merchants, whose business called him thither, says, that on his journey he saw an extent of seven Polish miles entirely covered with them, and in many places they were heaped one on another a foot high, which presages an inevitable famine next year, especially as the drought and heats have scarcely left the country people any thing to subsist on.

Vienna, Sept. 5. If the Congress for peace should be held here the approaching winter, this city will for some time be the center of important affairs and diversions.

Florence, Sept. 3. The day before yesterday Mr Mann, Envoy Extraordinary from Great Britain to this Court, sent off a courier with some dispatches for London, with advice of the debarkation made by the Spaniards at Minorca in two places, and of the situation of the garrison of Fort St Philip, from whence the Governor writes, that he is resolved to defend the place to the last extremity.

Elsineur, Sept. 8. The English convoy which sailed from hence the 4th instant, and could get no farther than Koll, on account of contrary winds, continued its course the next day for England, with a fresh gale at E. S. E.

The wind having turned westerly this afternoon, we expect hourly three Swedish men of war, and about 30 merchant ships of different nations, from Koll.

Within these three days upwards of 50 English merchantmen have arrived in the Sound from the Baltic, the greatest part from Petersburgh, with very rich and useful cargoes in the present exigencies of England.

Brussels, Sept. 6. The Government has granted to the Magistrates of Ostend a permission to negociate 400,000 florins at a reasonable interest. This sum will be applied to the enlargement of the said city and its bason, which is necessary for the increase of navigation and commerce.

Paris, Sept. 9. A courier extraordinary has brought advice to M. d'Aranda, of the descent of the Spaniards at Minorca, in the night of the 19th ult. The Duke de Crillon found in the port 100 ships of different kinds, and if he had arrived two days sooner, he would have taken part of the garrison of fort St Philip, the men being dispersed in the island to collect provisions. It is believed, that as soon as the Duke de Crillon receives the Spanish and French troops, which are yet to join him, he will begin the siege of the fort.

Don Cordova will, we hear, finish his cruize towards the middle of this month; ten of our largest ships will go with him to Cadiz, where they will remain under command of M. de Guichen, the nine others will remain at Brest. Some people imagine they will cruize 15 days longer, notwithstanding the equinox, under the command of M. de la Motte Piquet.

The division of troops going to Mahon is to be augmented to 14 battalions, about 10,000 men; in the mean time we have not received any further accounts from the Duke de Crillon, which is rather matter of surprise.

Paris, Sept. 13. On the 5th inst. the combined fleet finished its cruize. M. de Cordova sailed for Cadiz, and M. de Guichen for Brest, where he arrived the 6th instant with all the ships of his squadron. On entering the road le Terrible struck on the rock of Mingan, but made no water. This ship is not a good sailer. L'Alexander and le Hardi, of 64 guns each, are gone into the port to be refitted.

Paris, Sept. 13. It is not true, as reported, that de la Motte Piquet was detached from the fleet with seven ships of the line, to meet the St Domingo fleet escorted by M. de Monteil.

It is presumed that, in a few days, a squadron of eight or ten ships of the line will sail from Brest, under the command of M. de Beausset, to strengthen the Spaniards, who, without this reinforcement, will not be able to hinder the English from entering the Mediterranean.

Hague, Sept. 16. It is not known yet what effect the King of Prussia's accession to the Armed Neutrality will produce. It might, indeed, have produced something important to this Colossus, of which so great hopes have been conceived, if this new acceding power had as much weight by sea as land. This incident, however, will doubtless alter nothing with regard to the belligerent powers; accordingly their High Mightinesses, in their answer of the 30th of August to the notification of this accession by the Baron de Thulemeyer, Envoy Extraordinary from his Prussian Majesty, confined themselves to the usual compliments on these occasions.

LONDON.

They write from Flushing, that the Dreadnought privateer, commanded by Captain Fall, had arrived in that port, after having sustained a smart action of two hours with two English cutters: She was pursued by the enemy within gun-shot of the fort: She soon repaired her damages, and was again at sea by the 4th of September.

Advice is received from Jamaica, that a Spanish man of war of 74 guns, bound from the Havannah to Hispaniola, was wrecked on the island of Cuba, and all the crew were drowned except the Captain, his first Lieutenant, and six of his men, who were taken up by a vessel belonging to Jamaica, and landed at Port Royal.

One hundred thousand pounds of the money raised by the auction at St Eustatius was lodged in the island of Jamaica, for the purpose of paying the troops, and receipts taken for the same. Admiral Rodney's agent applied to the Treasury here for this money; the first Lord of the Treasury said he had nothing to do with it, and referred him to the Paymaster-General; the Paymaster-General refused to account for it, asserting that money for the troops on the Jamaica station had been transmitted there some time by Government. The agent does not know how to act, and several British merchants, who had property on the island when captured, are preparing bills in equity for injunctions, to prevent Admiral Rodney or his agents from receiving this money till their claims are heard.

Certain accounts are at length received respecting the combined fleets, which, by advices from Paris, are separated, and gone into their respective ports; M. de Guichen's squadron into Brest, and Don Louis de Cordova's to Cadiz, both of them much damaged during their late cruize, the Spanish ships particularly, which are said to be exceeding sickly.

This piece of intelligence at once dissipates all apprehensions for the safety of our homeward-bound West India and Jamaica convoys; Admiral Darby (who is sailed some time since from Torbay) now having it in his power, without further reinforcements, to afford them effectual protection.

We are happy to contradict the paragraph inserted in some of the papers of Saturday, which mentioned that very disagreeable accounts had been received from Gibraltar by Colonel Ross, who, it was said, arrived last Wednesday;—this last circumstance is palpably erroneous, as the Colonel arrived near three weeks ago. The contents of the dispatches he brought, we are informed, were by no means dissatisfactory; and, by accounts of a subsequent date, we learn, that the garrison of Gibraltar was in perfect health, and, with respect to its fortifications and supply of provisions, in as impregnable a state as when first invested.

The Dutch have got commissions from their Admiralty for privateers, but cannot get men to go on board of them. There is actually at Flushing a privateer called the Niet Werwagt, which, though commissioned a considerable time ago, has not been able to put to sea but once. The command was given first to one Brown, an Englishman, because a Dutchman could not be found who would sail with her; but the Dutch complain bitterly that this man defrauded the proprietors of many things that belonged to them. They were not more fortunate in their next appointment of a commander: One William Herries, a subject of England, was the next; but the Dutch say, that he basely fled from the ship, and carried away with him the boat, compass, some swords and pistols belonging to the vessel, and two ransomers, taken from two fishing smacks, the only prizes made by this privateer since she has been in commission. Herries, it seems, after leaving the Niet Werwagt, got to Ostend, and arrived afterwards at Margate with the two ransomers. The owners have now got a third Captain, but still he is not a Dutchman; he is a Frenchman of the name of Turcq, who has been able to recommend himself to the Dutch by saying, that he served as first Lieutenant on board the Dreadnought under Captain Fall; but still the owners cannot get their ship to sea; so that in fact England has sent out *forty sail* of the line, within the space that the mighty Dutch merchants are fitting out a single privateer.

A circumstance happened at Elsineur on the 24th of August, which has given the Danes much disgust against the English:—It was the birth-day of her Royal Highness the Princess consort of Prince Frederick, the King's half brother. Admiral de Fontenay gave an elegant entertainment on the occasion, to all the persons of distinction in the neighbourhood, to the Consuls of the different nations residing at Elsineur, and to the officers commanding the Swedish and English men of war in the harbour. Every time the health of the Royal Family was given, the Danish Admiral, and the other Danish men of war, fired 27 guns, and were answered by the Swedes; but not a gun was fired in return by the English, who, it was supposed, took that public opportunity of affronting the son of that woman by whose intrigues the late Queen of Denmark was supposed to have been driven from the throne.

The number of troops in the pay of Great Britain, the 24th of June last, was 142,000. The new levies that are now making, and will be wanting, if the war proceeds, will make the amount 18,000 more in another year.

Extract of a letter from Lisbon, Aug. 21.

"Last week arrived here a Portuguese vessel from the East Indies, the crew of which report, that the town of Madras was invested by the troops of Hyder Ally by land, and that the French blocked it up by sea: That it was so destitute of resources, that to all appearance it must surrender. We are informed in another paragraph, that the above vessel, which is called the Prince of Brasil, met at the Azores with the Amsterdam, a Dutch ship of war, of 64 guns, Vice-Admiral Count de Byland, and a frigate of the same nation, the Dieren, Captain Coerman. The Portuguese vessel brought back to Europe the Captain and other officers of the Superb, an English ship of the line, of 74 guns, commanded by Vice-Admiral Hughes, from which it is conjectured that the Superb is lost."

Extract of a letter from Barcelona, Sept. 1.

"There has just arrived here a Spanish frigate, on board which came two officers, who are also immediately come from Madrid. We are very impatient to know the contents of their dispatches. It has, however, transpired, that they have been most fortunate in their descent on Minorca. We are assured that the troops made themselves masters of the two forts, where they made 185 men prisoners. They likewise seized 800 sheep, which were conducting to fort St Philip. They had forced the magazine of the Admiralty, and had found a considerable quantity of military stores, sufficient, it is said, to arm completely 14 ships of the line; they had moreover taken 180 cannons, and a considerable quantity of merchandize. They likewise took two armed ships of Mahon; and conquered a third. The town and fort are looked upon as conquered; but the conquest of fort St Philip will not be equally easy. It is, however, believed, that it cannot hold out against the troops of the Duke de Crillon, which will be reinforced with seven thousand men."

Extract of a letter from Paris, Sept. 3.

"The four regiments destined to co-operate with the Spaniards in Minorca, have begun their march to Toulon. Seven thousand four hundred men have been drafted from the different regiments of infantry in the kingdom, and are now on their way to Brest, where they are to embark, some for the West Indies, and some to recruit the army under M. de Rochambeau."

Extract of a letter from Amsterdam, Sept. 15.

"The convoy from the Meuse, escorted by the ship of war the Prince William, Captain de Bruyn, is arrived at the opening of the Gaats, with the frigates the Thetis and Bellona, as also the Schonderlo, one of the India Company's armed vessels. The above ship of war of Captain de Bruyn unfortunately struck on the Zuyderhaax, and is not yet out of danger, but some ships have been sent to her assistance."

PRICE of STOCKS, SEPT. 25.

Bank Stock, shut.	Ditto New Ann. 36¾.
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, shut.	Ditto 1751, —
3½ per cent. 1758, —	India Stock, 139½.
3 per cent. con. 56¾ a ⅞.	3 per cent. Ann. shut.
3 per cent. red. con. shut.	India Bonds, 4 a 5 prem.
3 per cent. 1726, —	Exch. Bills, 3 prem.
Long Ann. 16⅝ a ¾.	Navy Bills, 1 1/2 disc.
— Ann. 1777, shut.	3 per cent. Scrip. 58⅛ a ¼.
Ditto 1778, 12 7-16ths.	4 per cent. Scrip. 74¼ a ½.
South Sea Stock, —	Omnium, —
3 per cent. Old Ann. shut.	Lot. Tic. 14 l. 8 s.

From the LONDON GAZETTE *Sept. 25.*

Admiralty-Office, September 25, 1781.

Extract of a letter from Commodore Affleck to Mr Stephens, dated at New-York, Auguſt 13, 1781.

SIR,

I HAVE the pleaſure to inform their Lordſhips of the arrival of his Majeſty's ſhip Iris, from her ſtation off the Delaware, with the Trumbull Rebel frigate of 32 guns and 200 men, taken by her on the 9th inſtant, after a running fight of about an hour, in which the Iris had 1 man killed and 6 wounded; and the enemy had 2 killed, and 3 Lieutenants, and 7 men wounded.

While I am writing, is this inſtant arrived, the Belliſarius, a very faſt ſailing frigate of 20 guns and 147 men, belonging to Salem, captured by the Medea on the 7th inſtant, off the Delaware.

The following is a Liſt of Prizes taken by the Squadron of his Majeſty's ſhips in North America, between the 1ſt of June and 20th of Auguſt 1781.

Names of the prizes.	*When captured.*	*By what ſhips.*
Sloop Phœnix,	1 June 1781,	Medea.
Ship Chatham,	4 Ditto,	Garland.
Ship General Waſhington,	9 Ditto,	Chatham.
Schooner Saliſbury,	12 Ditto,	Aſſurance.
Ship Rover,	20 Ditto,	Medea.
Brig Good Intent,	23 Ditto,	Ditto.
Sloop King Bird,	27 Ditto,	Ditto.
Brig Friendſhip,	6 July,	Adamant.
Brig Hero,	7 Ditto,	Charles Town.
Schooner Swift,	8 Ditto,	Ditto.
Ship Triſtram Shandy,	8 Ditto,	Orpheus.
Ship Rattleſnake,	17 June,	Aſſurance.
Sloop May Flower,	10 Suly,	General Monk.
Ship Columbia,	3 Ditto,	Ditto.
Brig Swallow,	2 Ditto,	Ditto.
Brig Adventure,	22 June,	Amphitrite.
Ship Betſey,	6 July,	Iris.
Polacre Le Singe,	13 Ditto,	Pearl.
Sloop Magdalene	15 Ditto,	Savage and General Monk.
BrigMaty,	7 Ditto,	Amphion, Oſtrich, & Britannia.
Ship Polly,	24 Ditto,	Orpheus.
Ship Jack and Harry,	30 Ditto,	Amphion, Oſtrich, & Britannia.
Brig ———,	2 Auguſt,	Squadron.
Frigate Trumbull,	8 Ditto,	Iris and General Monk.
Brig Experiment,	8 Ditto,	Ditto.
Schooner Liberty,	8 Ditto,	Ditto.
Sloop Mercury,	3 Ditto,	General Monk.
Schooner Reſource,	17 July.	Solebay.
Sloop Fortune,	27 Ditto,	Beaumont.
Schooner Neptune,	30 Ditto,	Medea, Amphitrite, & General Monk.
Ship Belliſarius,	6 Auguſt	Meadea, Amphitrite and Savage.
Brig Elizabeth,	18 May,	Warwick.
Brig Experiment,	18 Ditto,	Ditto.
Ship Aurora,	10 July,	Royal Oak.
Brig ———,	14 Auguſt,	Orpheus.
Schooner ———,	16 Ditto,	Ditto.
Schooner ———,	6 Ditto,	Solebay.
Brig Marianne,	13 Ditto,	Medea.
Lugger L'Aimable Elizabeth,	15 Ditto,	Solebay.
Sloop ———,	15 Ditto,	Royal Oak.

War-Office, September 25. 1781.

23d Regiment of Light Dragoons, Colonel Sir John Burgoyne, Bart. of 14th Dragoons, is appointed to be Colonel. Major John Floyd, of [illegible] to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Captain Thomas Naſh, of 16th Dragoons, to be Major.

To be Captains of Troops:

Captain Jonathan Thomas, of 15th Dragoons. Captain-Lieutenant Lewis Majendie, of 15th Dragoons. Captain-Lieutenant John Campbell, of 20th Dragoons.

Lieutenant John Beckwith, of 15th Dragoons, to be Captain-Lieutenant.

To be Lieutenants:

Lieutenant William Gilbert Child, of 21ſt Dragoons. Lieutenant William Walton, of 21ſt Dragoons. Cornet John Fullerton, of 21ſt Dragoons. Cornet Guy Henry Crawford, of 21ſt Dragoons. Cornet T. J. Venables Hinde, of 16th Dragoons.

101ſt Regiment of Foot, Colonel Robert Sandford, from the half pay of the late 92d Foot, to be Colonel. Lieutenant-Colonel Honourable Charles Stuart, of 26th Foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel. Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Adams, of 12th Foot, to be Major.

102d Regiment of Foot, Colonel William Rowley, from the half pay of the late 120th Foot, to be Colonel. Major Gordon Forbes, of 9th foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Jones, of 59th Foot, to be Major.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, *Sept.* 25.

The Conſtantine, Wright, and Tartar, Fraſer, arrived at Briſtol from Jamaica, ſailed with the fleet the 1ſt, 2d, 3d, and 4th of July, had weathet, met with the Fox frigate, who told them the fleet, of 28 ſail of the line, was arrived at Cape Nichola Mole with the trade, conſiſting of 400 ſail, for Europe. The Commodore thought beſt to return to Port Royal with the fleet. The Conſtantine and the Tartar ſailed again the 31ſt of July, in company and Mary of Liverpool, but does not know when the

M'Intire, from Londonderry to Cork, is taken by a lugger of 18 guns.

Hope, Chapman, from Waterford, is arrived at Dublin, was taken and ranſomed for 400 guineas.

Harvey, was taken off the weſt end of Jamaica, and carried into St Jago de Cuba.

Troop, from Glaſgow to Jamaica, was taken off the iſland of the iſland by le Cerf privateer; the privateer was afterwards taken, and a frigate diſpatched after the Blandford.

Commerce, Kerr, Sarah, Gall, Dartmouth, Knighton, Barrow, Burrows, and Marcus, Parmſter, for London; the Golden Fleece, and Fanny, Reed, for Briſtol; and the William, Dawſon, for Liverpool ſailed with the convoy from Jamaica, and were all in their return there.

Heart of Oak, Captain Aſh, arrived at Liverpool from a cruize, having retaken the Alexander privateer of that port, who had been captured by an American frigate.

The Commodore's packet ſailed from Jamaica the 28th of July.

The Adventure, Melhuiſh, from Penzance with potatoes, is arrived at Portſmouth, after being taken by a French privateer, and ranſomed for 16 guineas.

The Jeanie, Wilſon, from Clyde for Cork and New York, was taken the 8th ult. off Waterford by the Black Princeſs privateer, and carried into Cherburg.

The Rodney, Bramwell, from Lancaſter to Ireland and Leeward Caribbees, was drove on ſhore by three privateers off Wexford the 9th inſt.

The Ducheſs of Leinſter, Stallon, from Madeira to New York, was taken and retaken, and ſince arrived at New York.

The Three Siſters, Wynne, from Cork to Charleſtown, and Polly, Webb, from Briſtol to New York, are taken and carried into New England.

The Loyal Briton, ———, from Briſtol to New York, foundered at ſea.

The Congreſs, a rebel frigate, is taken by the fleet on the Newfoundland ſtation.

The Providence, Billing, is retaken by a Guernſey privateer, within five leagues of the French coaſt, and arrived at Guernſey.

The Aurora frigate has taken in the Briſtol Channel a French privateer of 16 guns, and carried her into Falmouth.

The Fly, Hogan, from Liverpool to Limerick, was taken the 13th inſt. off Tuſker, and ranſomed for 150 guineas.

Goſport 22. This evening arrived the Cornwallis, ——, from Glaſgow for Newfoundland, laden with bale goods and proviſions; ſhe was taken the 8th inſtant by a French privateer of 44 guns, and retaken the 17th by the Monſieur frigate, Capt. Phipps, who went in purſuit of the privateer.

The Shaftſbury and Phœnix privateers, of Mountſbay, have taken and carried into Dartmouth a French privateer with eight ranſomers on board; ſhe ſailed from Dunkirk 11 days before.

A liſt of Congreſs ſhips, privateers, &c. taken by his Majeſty's ſhips, &c. and carried into New York; the Trumbull frigate of 32 guns, Belliſarius and Aurora of 24 guns, Mariamne of 16, Mercury and Reſource of 10 each; the following merchantmen, Reſolution, Stephen, Jack and Harry, Two Siſters, L'Aimable Elizabeth, Experiment, Fortune, and Delight.

The Maria, Hawkes, from London to Halifax, and the brig Mary, are retaken and carried into New York.

The Barbadoes Planter, Coare, from Barbadoes to London, failed from St Kitt's the firſt of Auguſt, under convoy of the Triumph, Capt. Douglaſs, and was with the reſt of the fleet the 16th of Auguſt, lat. 31—10. long. 58—30. all well.

The Tartar, Frazer, from Jamaica, arrived at Briſtol, took out of a veſſel, bound from the Spaniſh Main to the Havannah, 49 tons of rice, and 500 ſkins.

Extract of a letter from Capt. Holmes, on board the Ducheſs of Gordon from St Kitts, Sept. 18. Parted from the fleet in the night off Cape Clear in a gale of wind at S. W. ſpoke the Polly, Cooke, for London ſame evening about ſix o'clock, who informed us the Boreas frigate had been a-head, and ſaw 14 ſail of French ſhips, as we underſtood, it blowing very hard; he then told us to ſtand to the ſouthward; about eight o'clock at night ſeveral guns were fired from the fleet, but could not tell the meaning. In the morning, ſix o'clock, laid the ſhip too till nine, when we diſcovered a ſail a long way a-head, which we took for one of our fleet as he lay too, but found her to be the Arethuſa, Sir Richard Pearſon, who informed us the combined fleet were cruizing between Uſhant and Scilly; that his orders were from Admiral Rodney, for all the fleet to go north about; but our ſhip being in want of every article, he adviſed us to ſteer between Scilly and the land. Admiral Rodney, on board the Gibraltar, meeting with the Arethuſa frigate in the night, fired nine ſhot at her, and carried away her top-maſt. A Dutch-built ſhip, which ſailed from St Euſtatia, name unknown, Captain Findale, foundered the 12th inſtant, the people ſaved by his Majeſty's ſhip Panther; I believe no other accident happened to the 18th, when we loſt the fleet, the wind blew E. S. E. about 50 leagues from Cape Clear, and then we ſteered S. S. E. till next morning, when we ſaw no ſail, and imagine they muſt have ſteered to the north.

From the London Papers, Sept. 25.

AMERICA.

New-York, Aug. 15. By a veſſel which arrived on Monday evening in about fifty hours from the Cheſapeak, we are informed that Earl Cornwallis has left General O'Hara with the guards and ſome other corps at Portſmouth, and proceeding up the river, took poſt at York Town, which occaſioned the Marquis de la Fayette to croſs from Burwell's ferry to Williamſburgh, about ſeven miles from York Town; ſo that ſhould the Marquis be diſpoſed to hazard another bout, we truſt the noble Earl will not diſappoint him.

On the 3d inſt. a body of armed men, with fixed bayonets, came to the houſe of Gilbert Fleet and Simon Fleet, near Huntingdon, on Long-Iſland, and robbed the two families of all the money and plate they could find in their poſſeſſion, and had nigh ſtrangled one of them, by hanging him up in a beam in his kitchen.

LONDON.

Yeſterday evening Captain M'Cleod arrived at Lord George Germaine's office, with diſpatches from Sir Henry Clinton at New-York. The diſpatches are dated the 20th of Auguſt, and bring with them the agreeable information of the ſafe arrival of all the German troops, together with the recruits, to the amount jointly of 3000 men. Sir Henry next proceeds to a minute deſcription of the much apprehended attack upon New York. He ſays General Waſhington appeared before it agreeable to the plan mentioned in the intercepted letters, in conjunction with Monſ. Rochambeau, with a very formidable army, and continued there ſome days, but finding, upon accurate obſervation, that the garriſon was too well ſecured to admit of any poſſibility of a ſucceſsful attack, they retreated precipitately and took their ſtation in a place called North Caſtle, in the colony of New-York, where they remained when theſe diſpatches were ſent off. All anxiety therefore is now at an end as to the ſecurity of this moſt important garriſon.

Diſpatches were alſo received at the ſame office, and by the ſame conveyance, from the Right Hon. Earl Cornwallis, which are brought down ſo late as the 12th of Auguſt. His Lordſhip's accounts are almoſt as favourable as thoſe received from the Commander in Chief. All his men were in perfect health, and he had taken poſſeſſion, in the name of the King's troops, of the poſts of Glouceſter and York, in the province of Virginia. He has had no engagement of conſequence ſince his laſt accounts, but has made the ſucceſsful progreſs without much obſtruction, and without the loſs of any of his men. Theſe diſpatches bring no information concerning the arrival of Admiral Digby at New-York, nor of Admiral Graves from Sandy Hook, from whence it is inferred, that neither have been yet fortunate enough to reach the place of their deſtination. Sir Henry Clinton mentions, that Sir Samuel Hood had ſailed for America, accompanied with only ten ſail of the line, the remainder of the fleet, amounting to eleven ſail, having been diſpatched, by the diſpenſation of Admiral Sir George Brydges Rodney, previous to his departure, ſome of them to Jamaica, and the others left amongſt the Leeward Iſlands.—Government are in the higheſt joy from the reception of theſe diſpatches, as the greateſt apprehenſions had been entertained for the ſafety of New-York, which is now entirely out of danger. The ſucceſs of Lord Cornwallis has proved alſo beyond their expectation.

Yeſterday Governor Cheſter and ſeveral officers, that were taken priſoners at Penſacola, arrived in town from Charleſtown, from whence they came in the Hero, Captain Moulton, having a paſſage of ſeven weeks. It was reported that when they ſailed from Charleſtown, that Lord Rawdon would ſoon embark in a packet for England.

We are well informed that two diſtinct negociations for peace are now on the tapis between Great-Britain, Madrid, and the United States of Holland.

A private letter from Paris aſſures us, in very ſtrong terms, that there have been uncommon differences in opinion between the Count de Guichen and Don Cordova, ſince they ſailed from Cadiz, and that when the ſquadrons parted, they were at great enmity with each other.

This morning ſome diſpatches were received at Lord George Germain's office from Halifax, which were brought over in the Vernon, Hall, arrived at Cork.

Yeſterday the Earl of Dunmore received his final inſtructions, and he and the gentlemen who go with him are preparing with the utmoſt diſpatch to ſet out for his Government. The refugees from Virginia are all ready to accompany him.

By a gentleman arrived in a cartel from Charleſtown, South-Carolina, we are informed, that the rebel General Greene ſtill continues to make inrods into that province, and with a party of horſe made an attack on an outpoſt about 25 miles from the town, from which he was repulſed with little loſs on either ſide.

This morning a gentleman arrived in town, expreſs from Deal: he came paſſenger in the Ducheſs of Gordon, Captain Holmes, from Dominica and St Euſtatia, which is arrived in the Downs. She ſailed with the Leeward iſland fleet the 1ſt of Auguſt, under convoy of his Majeſty's ſhips Triumph, Captain Douglas, of 74 guns, and the Panther, of 60 guns, with two frigates, and brings the agreeable news that the fleet were all well, the 18th inſt. off Cape Clear.

The Leeward iſland fleet, conſiſting of upwards of 150 ſail, is ſafe arrived off Cape Clear, without the loſs of one ſingle ſhip, except a Dutch prize, which foundered. One ſhip run up to the Downs.

By a private letter from Oſtend we are informed, that a Dutch line-of-battle ſhip, of 60 or 64 guns, was wrecked off the Texel when the laſt fleet ſailed.

Yeſterday evenings about ſix o'clock, Sir George Rodney arrived at his houſe in Albemarle-ſtreet from Plymouth, where he arrived laſt Wedſday from the Weſt-Indies.

At the cloſe of the poll this day, at Guildhall, the numbers were,

For Sir Watkin Lewis,	1502
Mr Alderman Clark,	1365

Yeſterday morning, Tho. Conſtable, Eſq; the Under Sheriff to Wm. Gill and Wm. Nicholſon, Eſqrs. the Sheriffs elect, ſerved the Lord Mayor with a notice in writing, that they would attend on Friday next, at Guildhall, then and there to be ſworn into the office of Sheriff of the city of London, and county of Middleſex, in order to take upon them the ſaid office, and from thenceforth exerciſe the ſame.

As the Lord Mayor was returning from Guildhall to the Manſion-houſe yeſterday afternoon, after the cloſe of the poll, the populace took his horſes from his chariot, and drew his Lordſhip home, amidſt ſuch acclamations, and popular tokens of approbation, as have not been remembered ſince the laſt triumph of Mr Wilkes.

Yeſterday after the cloſe of the poll, the Lord Mayor came forward, and begged the Livery to perſevere in their exertions in his favour. Mr Alderman Clarke attempted to ſpeak, but was prevented by the noiſe.

Mr Sheriff Crichton, by the preſſure of the croud, after the declaration of the numbers yeſterday, fell off the huſtings, and lay for ſome time ſpeechleſs; he was alſo hurt in his leg.

Whilſt the Carteret lay at New-York, fifteen ſail of Spaniſh tranſports arrived with the troops of the garriſon of Penſacola. Alſo a number of American ſhips, prizes to his Majeſty's ſquadron particularly the Congreſs frigate, Turnbull, of 32 guns, with the Belliſarius, Rover and Rattleſnake, of 20 guns each, with ſeveral ſmall privateers, letters of marque, and other merchant veſſels.

On her paſſage ſhe met with the Veſtal, belonging to Admiral Edward's ſquadron, on the Newfoundland ſtation, who had retaken a Weſt-Indiamen, which had been captured by a rebel privateer called the Diſdain, and that another frigate was in chace of the privateer, and it was hoped would take her.

The difference attending the arrival of the Leeward Iſland fleets, by their going north about, will, in all probability, be at leaſt three weeks.

Previous to Keith Stewart's being inveſted with the northern command, repeated applications were made to Admiral Parker, to make one more cruize againſt the Dutch, which he firmly declined, not on account of his indiſpoſition or age, but owing to the uſage he received from L—— S——, to whom he never ſpoke during the late royal trip, although his L—— was at the elbow of his ſovereign the whole time of the converſation with the Admiral.

Admiral Hughes is daily expected to arrive as convoy with the homeward-bound Eaſt-India fleet; and Commodore Johnſtone, it is currently reported, has, by this time, ſucceeded him in the command of the fleet in that quarter of the globe.

It was yeſterday reported in the city, that intelligence is received that General Waſhington has inveſted New York with a large body of troops, *Daily Adv.*

In the homeward-bound Jamaica fleet there are ten ſhips laden with prize tobacco; and among the Leeward Iſland fleet twelve veſſels, whoſe cargoes are tobacco and indigo.

Admiral Darby is to remain out if the winds will permit him till the three homeward-bound fleets arrive, viz. the Eaſt India, Jamaica, and Leeward Iſland; the firſt and laſt of which are expected every day; but when the Jamaica fleet may be expected is as yet unknown.

The number of men raiſed in Scotland from the beginning of the war, to form new regiments or companies, and to recruit others, amounted, it is ſaid, on the 30th of June laſt, to twenty-three thouſand.

Yeſterday a tier of ſhips, which lay at Limehouſe, was driven from their moorings, and ran foul of each other; ſeveral of them received conſiderable damage.

Yeſterday, two of the Gravеſend boats, in coming up the river, had their main-maſts ſplit, and all their ſails torn to pieces by the ſquall of wind.

Yeſterday, ſeveral trees and lamp-poſts at Stamford-hill and parts adjacent, were blown down by the high winds.

Extract of a letter from New-York, Aug. 20.

"The late arrival of the German troops, and the great attention paid to the navigation of the Delaware for ſome weeks paſt, has ſtruck the rebels with amazement, nor can they account for the arrival of ſo ſeaſonable a reinforcement by any means; to balance which, and to keep up the ſpirits of their people, they ſay, a large French fleet with a powerful army is at hand.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, September 25.

"The arrival of the Leeward-iſland fleet this day, conſiſting of 141 ſail, off Cape Clear, has given great ſpirits in the commercial world, ſince its arrival a fortnight ago would, in all probability, have ſubjected it to the moſt imminent danger from the combined fleet.

"Sir George Brydges Rodney made Windſor in his way to town, in order that he might have an opportunity of paying his perſonal reſpects to his Sovereign. On his arrival at the caſtle, Sir George ſent his name by Mr Romus, the page in waiting, requeſting that he might be permitted to have the honour of an audience; but his Majeſty, in a very [illegible]

ſent Mr Romus beck to the Admiral, informing him, "That "he could not ſee him now, but would at the levee."

"On his arrival in town, Sir George poſted to the Admiralty, and ſent in word of his being there, to wait upon Lord Sandwich; but his Lordſhip declined ſeeing him, and returned for anſwer, "That he was very buſy."

"Sir George Rodney, it is expected, will to-morrow be preſented to his Majeſty at the levee.

"Sir George Rodney, in order to prevent the Leeward-iſland fleet from falling into the hands of the enemy, brought home with him two cutters, leaving word with the fleet, that they were to follow him in the ſame track he ſailed in the Gibraltar, unleſs they ſhould hear from him; but Sir George found no occaſion for them to alter their courſe, having ſent one of the cutters a-head, without diſcovering any thing of the combined fleet.

"At the cloſe of the poll this afternoon, the Lord Mayor was 14 majority of Alderman Clark on the day's poll, and 137 a-head upon the whole. The Proteſtant Aſſociation having declared themſelves in favour of the Lord Mayor, with the moſt perfect concurrence of Lord George Gordon, who has taken a very active part for him, it is thought his election may be conſidered as pretty certain.

"By letters brought by the Leeward-iſland fleet, and forwarded to town by the expreſs to the Admiralty this day, things appear to be very different from what they had lately been in the Weſt-Indies. The ſeveral iſlands there were no longer in any dread on account of Monſ. de Graſſe, but in the higheſt ſpirits and harmony.

"The Houſe of Bourbon, it is thought, never made themſelves ſo ridiculous as by the late parade made by their combined fleet, which has been fitted out, and kept at ſea, at a moſt enormous expence, without any one advantage. They have not taken even a ſingle prize; and as to their attacking Gibraltar, or Port Mahon, it is too ſilly a tale any longer to amuſe the court of Spain with, and hence the animoſities ariſen between the Spaniſh Miniſtry and the court of Verſailles.

"The Court of Great Britain is ſaid to have accepted the ſervices of the three great northern States, Ruſſia, Denmark, and Sweden, in negociating a peace between her and the States-General; and it is ſaid, that in caſe the latter ſhould refuſe a ſeparate peace upon the terms the neutral States ſhall propoſe, that they will inſtantly declare againſt them, and take a very active part in favour of Great Britain.

"It is very much talked of about town, that an officer of diſtinction, ſaid to be a German, who was at a late ſurrender, refuſed to have any ſhare in the plunder of the place; nay, that he would not even dine with the General and Admiral, when he ſaw the injuſtice and cruelty of their proceedings; upon which they were greatly incenſed, and took care to get him confined, under a pretence that he was inſane.

"It is very confidently ſaid, that a certain Admiral lately arrived, and a certain General daily expected, have realized, each of them, a fortune of 300,000 l. at leaſt."

Extract of a letter from Harwich, Sept. 20.

"Laſt Friday ſailed Commodore Stewart with five ſail of the line to the eaſtward, ſuppoſed to be for the Texel. Saturday ſailed the Pigmy cutter on a cruize. Arrived the Buffalo of 60, and Bienfaiſant of 60 guns, from the Nore. Paſſed by from the northward the Proſelyte frigate, to Sheerneſs. Sunday, ſailed the Buffalo and Bienfaiſant, for the eaſtward. Paſſed by the Princeſs Amelia of 84, and the Dolphin of 44, all to join Commodore Stewart off the Texel. There are no leſs at this time than twelve ſail of the line, four of 44, and ſix ſtout frigates, beſides cutters, in Commodore Keith Stewart's ſquadron in the North Seas. Sailed the Beſborough and the Prince of Wales with three mails. Monday, arrived the Prince of Orange with three mails. The Dutch fleet off Goree ſailed on Monday the 18th inſtant, for the Texel."

Laſt week was married, at Leith, Bently Gordon Bently of Kington, Warwickſhire, Eſq; to Miſs Joanna Livingſton, daughter of John Livingſton of Parkhall, Eſq; an amiable young lady.

On Tueſday laſt died, at his houſe in George's-ſquare, Alexander Maxwell, Eſq; merchant, ſon to the late Sir William Maxwell of Calderwood, Bart.

On the 26th inſtant, died here, John Forbes Leith, Eſq; of Whitehaugh.

John Macdonald, Eſq; of Sanda, died at his houſe of Pennyfield, Argyleſhire, on Tueſday the 18th current, very much regretted.

Monday next, the remains of the Right Hon. Sir Laurence Dundas of Carſe, Bart. late member for this city, will be interred in the burying place of the family, at Falkirk, near the ſeat of Carſe, in the County of Stirling.

Yeſterday, ſailed from Leith Roads, on a cruize, his Majeſty's ſhip Iphigenia.

Thurſday laſt, Lord Viſcount Townſhend, Maſter General of the Ordnance, introduced Lord Elphinſtone as Lieutenant Governor of the Caſtle of Edinburgh. Lord Townſhend at the ſame time took a ſurvey of the fortications. Upon this occaſion a round of the great guns was fired,

Monday, at eleven o'clock, forenoon, Lord Townſhend is to viſit the battery at Leith, when he will be ſaluted with a full round of the guns mounted there, among which is, a Carronade that carries a ball of 103 pounds weight.

On Wedneſday the troops at the camp were reviewed by his Excellency General Mackay;—they went through their diſevolutions much to the ſatisfaction of a numerous and genteel company.

The Thomas and Betſy, Captain Liddel, of Leith, is among the ſhips that put back to Jamaica; ſhe has loſt her maſt.

The trade from Leith for London, under convoy of the Alfred armed ſhip, arrived ſafe in the Thames on Sunday laſt.

The export merchants in Dublin complain exceedingly of the little appearance this ſeaſon of orders of any kind for proviſions. We do not hear of any houſe having received an order of any conſequence, except one, who were laſt year in poſſeſſion of the contract for the Eaſt India Company, and who have been ſo fortunate as to have it renewed. The ſlaughter buſineſs was high in town at this time laſt ſeaſon, but at preſent there is no appearance of its even commencing.

A very dextrous theft was committed in the Bridgegate, Glaſgow, on Tueſday morning laſt:—About ſix o'clock, the maſter of a family went out on ſome buſineſs for about half an hour, and left his wife and family in bed; in the mean time a woman got into the houſe, and carried off 14 s. and 6 d. in ſilver, and moſt of their wearing apparel.

We hear from Kilmarnock, that, upon Tueſday laſt, a melancholy accident happened near that place:—A young man, having the charge of a ſteam engine, and being examining how it was going, unfortunately his foot ſlipped in the mouth of the pit, by which he fell into it, and was killed.

Laſt Monday, a child was killed in a woman's arm, at the Bromilaw, by a brick falling from the roof of a houſe, where ſome workmen were making repairs; the woman received no harm.

On the 19th current, died at Port Glaſgow, Janet Foord, aged 99 years.

We mentioned in our laſt, page 301, that the Bell, Capt. Gemmel, was taken, and ranſomed for 4000 guineas. We have ſince ſeen a letter from the Captain, dated Belfaſt, Sept. 18. in which he ſays, his ſhip was captured by the Fantaſque privateer of Dunkirk, Pat. Dowling commander, about five leagues N. N. E. of St David's Head; That he and his people were uſed very ill: That the privateer's crew robbed him of moſt of his cabbin ſtores, broke open every lock, and made the moſt terrible havock ever was ſeen in a veſſel.—*Glaſgow Mercury.*

Extract of a letter from Galway, Sept. 17.

"This day arrived the Commerce ſchooner, Captain Carr, from Jamaica, with a cargo of mahogany and logwood, bound to London, after a paſſage of eleven weeks. She was one of the Jamaica fleet of about 200 ſail, that ſailed from Port Royal the 4th of July laſt, under convoy of the Albion man of war, but parted company the 5th day after their departure, and heard nothing of them ſince."

Extract of a letter from Dublin, September 22.

"We are confidently informed, that Lord Rawdon is actually upon his paſſage home, diſguſted with the ſervice, and perfectly convinced of the total impracticability of reducing any part of America.

"On the ſimultaneous viſits of Lord Loughborough to Dublin, and Mr Dennis Daly to London, it may be ſuppoſed that theſe gentlemen are in a manner exchanged. The *Patriot* probably will take in ſome lading in St James's Street—the *Peer* certainly has *Government* ſtores for his fellow labourers at the Caſtle.

"When Sir John Irvine went down to Cork, to take the command of the forces upon the late rumour, we are aſſured the ſtate of credit was ſo very low there, that he applied in vain to ſeveral of the principal bankers for the paltry ſum of 600 l. but could not obtain even a part. Any caſh in the hands of the collectors had been before totally exhauſted. In this exigence, when there could not appear any means of furniſhing the military cheſt, without application to the Treaſury in Dublin, a Roman Catholic merchant, Mr Gold, being informed of this diſagreeable embarraſſment of the Commander in Chief, and the danger that might affect the ſtate by the troops wanting pay, inſtantly offered his ſervice, furniſhed the ſum wanted, and the next day brought a further ſupply of 5000 l. and informed, that he might rely upon having at a day's notice a ſtill greater ſum, 100,000 l. in ſpecie. Sir John having acquainted Government of this generous, ſpirited, and truly patriotic conduct of Mr Gold, they inſtantly ſent an expreſs with thanks in form to the good citizen, who, in the hour of alarm and danger, proved he was IRISHMAN.

"Yeſterday, the *Loyal Iriſh Corps*, commonly known by the name of the Dublin Volunteers, or Green Boys, when raiſed in this city in 1776, returned from the Spaniſh main and commenced again to recuit here. Colonel Dalrymple, who raiſed and commanded the corps in the Weſt-Indies, proceeded thro' the city with his officers, and trumpets ſounding, accompanied by thouſands, and diſplayed the Harp and Crown, the arms of of Ireland, over the Spaniſh ſtandard they took at St Ferdinand de Omoa.—The populace in the liberty were highly pleaſed, and welcomed the officers and recruiting parties, on their return to their native country, went along with them, and cheered them through the city; and to add to the general joy, Colonel Dalrymple ſhowered gold and ſilver to the populace, taken in the Spaniſh galoons, and many fine fellows immediately engaged with him in the ſtreets; and the genteel citizens from their windows expreſſed their ſatisfaction in ſeeing the arms of Ireland over the Spaniſh colours—Three cheers, with trumpets ſounding, were given by the populace at the Caſtle, Parliament-houſe, and the Tholſel, in honour to the Lord Lieutenant, and Parliament of Ireland, and the Lord Mayor and corporation of this city.

Yeſterday ſe'ennight, the following Gentlemen were elected Deacons of the Incorporated Trades of Glaſgow, viz.

Meſſ. James Scott, (white-iron ſmith) Hammermen.
James Dunlop, Tailors.
George Burns, Cordiners.
Richard Miſſer, Weavers.
William Steel, Bakers.
John Shearer, jun. Skinners.
Henry Calder, Wrights.
James Robertſon, Coopers.
John Lang, Fleſhers.
Robert Pollock, Maſons.
John Wright, Gardeners.
Charles Crawford, Barbers.
Andrew Hardie, Dyers and Bonnet-makers.

Stirling, Sept. 27. 1781.

This day, the election of Magiſtrates and Town Council came on here, when the following Gentlemen were elected, viz.

DAVID GOURLAY, Eſq; Provoſt and High Sheriff.
James Young, Alex. Wright, John Glas, jun. William Anderſon, } Bailies and Sheriff-depute.
Robert Banks, Dean of Guild.
John Stewart, Deacon Convener.
Duncan Glaſurd, Treaſurer.
James Moir, John Glas, ſen. Alex. Littlejohn, John Moir, William Paterſon, Duncan Bachop, John Black, } Merchant Counſellors.
George Gilfillan, James Crawford, John Fiſher, John Taylor, James Brown, John Forman, } Deacons.

The HADDINGTON ASSEMBLY will be held on Thurſday firſt, being the 4th of October.

Grammar School, Canongate, Sept. 28. 1781.

THE Grammar School of the Canongate met on Thurſday the 20th current. On Monday, 1ſt October, Mr Inglis will open a new Claſs for boys, who are to begin the Rudiments of the Latin Language. Young Gentlemen, who have made ſome progreſs in Latin, may be received into any of the higher Claſſes.

A WELL-WISHER'S *Extract of a letter from Peterſburgh ſeems to be fabricated at home for no good purpoſe.*

LEITH SHIPPING.

ARRIVED,

Sept. 27. Mermaid, Mitchell, from Shetland, with goods.
28. Active, Jameſon, from Boneſs, with planks.
Providence, Wilſon, from Sealock, in ballaſt.
29. Falkirk, Sommerville, from Morriſonshaven, in ditto.

SAILED,

Good Intent, Wilſon, for Aberdeen, with goods.
Margaret, Gill, for Peterhead, with ditto.
Adamſon, Lyell, for Perth, with ditto.
Iſobel and Mary, Harlow, for Dunbunbar, with ditto.
Mercury, Barr, for Largo, with ditto.

SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED,

Sept. 17. Neptune of Dyſart, Gray, from Memel, for Dundee, with balks
Molly of Kincardine, Miller, from Petersburgh, for Sealock, with ſundries.
—— of and from Peterhead, Brodie, for Dantzic, in ballaſt.

ARRIVED AND REMAIN,

9. Charles of and for Leith, Forſyth, from Petersburgh, with ſundries.
Fortune of and for Aberdeen, Brown, from ditto, with ditto.
11. James and Thomas of Anſtruther, Ballantyne, from ditto, for Dundee, with ditto.

WALTER WOOD.

ELSINORE, SEPT. 11. 1781. Wind W.

THE Truſtees for putting in execution the Turnpike Acts for the ſhire of Edinburgh, and the Commiſſioners of Supply, and Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid ſhire, are to meet upon Tueſday the 2d day of October next, at twelve o'clock mid-day, within the Inner Seſſion Houſe, Edinburgh; at which time the Meeting are to have under conſideration a Memorial preſented to the Truſtees, at their general meeting the 12th June laſt, for the Truſtees of the Poſt road diſtrict, for augmenting the funds of that diſtrict, by erecting a toll-bar on ſome part of ſaid road. As alſo, they are to have under conſideration the propriety of appointing a Committee to conſider what meaſures ought to be taken for remedying the defects in the preſent mode of levying the ſtatute-work in ſaid ſhire.—Theſe matters are of importance to the county. It is therefore requeſted, that the Truſtees, the Juſtices of Peace, Commiſſioners of Supply, and the Heritors who may conſider themſelves intereſted, will attend.

CANONGATE, SEPT. 26. 1781.

AT a Meeting of the CONVENERY of the burgh of Canongate, it was repreſented, That the Truſtees for the Turn-pike Roads in the county of Edinburgh had intimated, by advertiſement in the newspapers, that they were to apply by bill to Parliament, the enſuing Seſſion, praying that powers might be granted to erect a Toll-bar, or Gate, upon that part of the high way, or road, in the ſaid county, leading from the Water Gate, at the foot of the Canongate, to the extremity of the ſaid county, to the eaſtward of Muſſelburgh, and to levy tolls thereat, to be applied for the reparation of the ſaid roads. And the Convenery, after fully conſidering the matter, were of opinion, That the ſaid bill ſhould be oppoſed, as the funds already appropriated for the ſaid road are ſufficient for keeping it in good repair; and, as the erecting a toll would be hurtful to the inhabitants in general, they therefore authorize the Convener to take every proper ſtep for preventing the bill from paſſing, and to concur with other corporate bodies or individuals for that purpoſe.

Extracted from the records of the Convenery, by
JAMES CRAWFORD, Clerk.

Canongate, Sept. 26. 1781.

AT a General Meeting of the United Corporations of WRIGHTS, COOPERS, MASONS, SLATERS, GLASIERS, PLUMBERS, PAINTERS, PLAISTERERS, COACHMAKERS, CORK-CUTTERS, and HEEL-MAKERS of the burgh of CANONGATE, it was repreſented, That the Truſtees for the Turnpike Roads in the county of Edinburgh had intimated by advertiſement in the news-papers, that they were to apply by bill to Parliament the enſuing ſeſſion, praying that powers might be granted to erect a toll-bar or gate upon that part of the high-way or road in the ſaid county, leading from the Water Gate at the foot of the Canongate, to the extremity of the ſaid county, to the eaſtward of Muſſelburgh, and to levy tolls thereat, to be applied for the reparation of the ſaid road: And the Corporation, after fully conſidering the matter, were of opinion, that the ſaid bill ſhould be oppoſed, as the funds already appropriated for the ſaid road are ſufficient for keeping it in good repair, and as the erecting a toll would be hurtful to the inhabitants in general: They therefore authoriſe the preſent and late Deacons, and the preſent Treaſurer, to take every proper ſtep for preventing the bill from paſſing, and concur with other corporate bodies or individuals for that purpoſe.

Extracted from the records of the corporation, by
JAMES CRAWFORD, Clerk.

Canongate, Sept. 26. 1781.

AT a General Meeting of the Corporation of SHOEMAKERS in CANONGATE, it was repreſented, That the Truſtees for the Turnpike-roads in the county of Edinburgh had intimated by advertiſement in the news-papers, That they were to apply by bill to Parliament the enſuing ſeſſion, praying that powers might be granted to erect a toll-bar or gate upon that part of the high-way or road in the ſaid county, leading from the Water Gate, at the foot of the Canongate, to the extremity of the ſaid county, to the eaſtward of Muſſelburgh, and to levy tolls thereat, to be applied for the reparation of the ſaid road. And the Corporation, after fully conſidering the matter, were of opinion, that the ſaid bill ſhould be oppoſed, as the funds already appropriated for the ſaid road are ſufficient for keeping it in good repair, and as the erecting a toll would be hurtful to the inhabitants in general: They therefore authoriſe the preſent and late Deacons, and the preſent Treaſurer, to take every proper ſtep for preventing the bill from paſſing, and to concur with other corporate bodies or individuals for that purpoſe.

Extracted from the records of the Corporation, by
JAMES CRAWFORD, Clerk.

Canongate, Sept. 28. 1781.

THE Corporation of BAKERS in CANONGATE having this day met, and taken under their conſideration an advertiſement inſerted in the news-papers, by the Truſtees for the Turnpike Roads in the county of Edinburgh, intimating, That they were to apply by bill to Parliament the enſuing ſeſſion, praying that powers might be granted to erect a toll-bar upon that part of the road leading from the Water Gate, foot of the Canongate, to the extremity of ſaid county to the eaſtward of Muſſelburgh, and to levy toll thereat, to be applied for the reparation of ſaid road. And the Corporation, after fully conſidering the matter, were of opinion, that ſaid bill ſhould be oppoſed: And as ſaid toll-bar would be very hurtful to the inhabitants in general, and in particular to thoſe of Canongate, they therefore do hereby teſtify their diſapprobation thereof, and reſolve to join with other Corporations and individuals who have agreed to oppoſe the ſame to the utmoſt of their power.

ALEX. MITCHEL, Deacon.

Canongate, Sept. 28. 1781.

THE Corporation of HAMMERMEN in CANONGATE having this day met, and conſidered a public advertiſement inſerted in the news-papers by the Truſtees for the Turnpike-roads, intimating an intention to apply to Parliament for having a Toll put upon the poſt-road from the Watergate towards Muſſelburgh; which the Corporation conſider to be a meaſure highly improper and unneceſſary, and very detrimental to the Inhabitants of Canongate: Therefore, this Corporation hereby do, in the moſt expreſs manner, teſtify their diſapprobation of the above meaſure, and reſolve to join with other Corporations and individuals in oppoſing the ſame to the utmoſt of their power.

ANDREW BOOG, Deacon.

GREENOCK SHIPPING.

SAILED,

Sept. 25. Robert and John, [illegible] for Dublin, with goods.
Susannah, Wilson, for Liverpool, with ditto.

MONEY WANTED TO BORROW,

AT MARTINMAS FIRST,

THREE, FOUR, or FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS, upon heritable security on an eſtate that is not incumbered in any ſhape.

For particulars apply to John Tawſe writer, Parliament Square, Edinburgh.

MONEY WANTED UPON HERITABLE SECURITY.

WANTED to borrow, at Martinmas firſt, upon heritable ſecurity, upon an eſtate free of all incumbrances whatever, lying within ſixteen miles of Edinburgh, THREE THOUSAND POUNDS Sterling.

For further particulars, enquire at William Chalmers writer, Edinburgh.

By the Right Honourable

The Lord Provoſt, Magiſtrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh,

THERE is to be expoſed in FEU, by public roup, within Lawſon's Tavern in Leith, on Monday the 8th of October next, at five o'clock afternoon,

That AREA on the north-weſt corner of the Timber Buſh, Leith, preſently incloſed partly with a ſtone-wall, and partly with a pailing; with the buildings on the premiſſes —There has been above 400 l. ſterling laid out in meliorating this ſubject ſince Auguſt 1780.

The articles of roup to be ſeen in the hands of the City Clerks.

MR SPENCE, Dentiſt, particularly recommens to the Nobility, Gentry, &c. his Powder and Lotion for the Teeth and Gums, which have been proved to be ſuperior to any thing ever yet invented. The Powder for cleaning and preſerving the teeth has, for many years, been ſucceſsfully in practice; and the Lotion, Mr Spence flatters himſelf, has equal merit, as it effectually removes all ſwellings and painfulneſs in the gums, ſo as to bring them to an healthy and ſound ſtate.

Sold, by Mr Spence's appointment, wholeſale and retail, only by J. Andrews perfumer, Pal'-Mall, London, price 2 s. 6 d. each. Sold alſo by William Raeburn, Bridge Street, Edinburgh.

To be SOLD, and entered to at Martinmas firſt,

THE Manſion-houſe, Garden, and Offices of PIERSHILL, and PARK belonging thereto, conſiſting of about 8 acres of land, as the ſame are preſently poſſeſſed by Lord Elliock, the proprietor; alſo the feu-duty payable out of the lands of Three Steps, originally a part of the lands of Pierſhill; and likewiſe theſe two Incloſures called the *Cow Park*, lying immediately adjacent to the lands of Pierſhill, conſiſting of 22 acres and upwards.

The houſe and offices are in good repair, and the incloſures are all new, and very ſufficient, having been built at a conſiderable expence.

The lands lie about a mile from the city of Edinburgh, on the great road leading to Muſſelburgh.

For further particulars application may be made to Mr David Anderſon writer to the ſignet.

SEAMEN WANTED.

THE LIVELY PRIVATEER, WILLIS MACHELL Commander, mounting 18 carriage guns, having returned to Leith with great ſucceſs,—a few able and ordinary SEAMEN are wanted for the remainder of the cruize, which expires in December firſt.

The beſt encouragement will be met with, by applying to the Captain on board, or to Meſſrs Ramſay, Williamſon, and Co.

☞ A MASTER, well acquainted with the North Sea, is alſo wanted for the Lively.

FOR OSTEND AND ROTTERDAM.

THE Imperial Ship RENSIE is ſoon expected at Borrowſtounneſs, where goods will be taken in for Oſtend and Rotterdam.

Apply to James and Andrew Tod, Borrowſtounneſs.

At London for Leith,
THE DILIGENCE,

THOMAS SHAW Maſter,

Now lying on the birth at Hawley's Wharf, taking in Goods for Leith, and will ſail with the firſt convoy.

At London for Leith,
THE BETSEY,

DAVID BOYD Maſter,

Now lying at Hoare's Wharf, taking in goods, and will ſail with the firſt convoy.

This ſhip has neat accommodation for paſſengers.

Letters addreſſed to the Maſter, at the Edinburgh Coffeehouſe, No. 1. Swithing's Alley, will be properly attended to.

AT LONDON FOR LEITH,
THE LOVELY MARY,

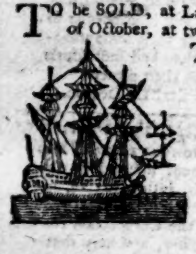
WILLIAM BEATSON Maſter,

Now lying at Hawley and Down's Wharf, near the Hermitage Bridge, taking in goods, and will ſail with the firſt convoy.

The above ſhip has neat accommodation for paſſengers, and the beſt of uſage may be depended on.

Letters on buſineſs, directed to the Maſter, at the Edinburgh Coffeehouſe, No. 1. Swithing's Alley, will be properly attended to.

TO be SOLD, at Lawſon's Coffeehouſe, Leith, on Monday the 1ſt of October, at twelve o'clock noon,



The Lugger Privateer *Herondelle* of Dunkerque, about 86 tons meaſurement, more or leſs, pierced for 12 guns, mounts 8 beſides ſwivels, is quite new, only five days out upon her firſt cruize, a moſt remarkable faſt ſailer; taken by his Majeſty's ſhip Proſelyte, John Brown, Eſq; Commander, after a chace of 37 hours.

Inventories to be ſeen on board, with Bell and Rannie merchants, and James Hamilton broker, Leith.

ASH TIMBER.

TO be SOLD by public roup, on Tueſday the 9th October, at Tranent Heugh, nine miles eaſt from Edinburgh, and on the poſt-road,

A large quantity of extraordinary fine FULL-GROWN ASH TIMBER —For particulars, enquire at Mr William Murray in Tranent.

The roup to begin at ten o'clock preciſely.

TO BE SOLD,

(The Property of a Gentleman obliged to go abroad)

A VERY FINE BLOOD MARE, five years old, very promiſing to make a Racer.—Alſo, a very beautiful GREY GALLOWAY, above 13½ hands high.

They are both ſound and free of blemiſh, and never were in the hands of any perſon but the preſent owner, and the nobleman from whom he bought them.—They were brought down from England about three months ago.

To be ſold alſo, Two capital BAY COACH-GELDINGS.

Pleaſe to enquire of James Law at Muttenhole, pariſh of Cramond, near Edinburgh.

DALKEITH DISTRICT.

THERE is to be a meeting of the Truſtees for the Turnpike roads within the Diſtrict of Dalkeith, at John's Coffee-houſe in Edinburgh, upon Tueſday the 2d day of October 1781, at eleven o'clock forenoon preciſely, when it is hoped the Truſtees will attend.

NOTICE.

Glaſgow, 21ſt September 1781.

THIS is to inform the Public, That the COPARTNERY, under the firm of PETER FRASER and COMPANY Jewellers, Toy and Hardware Merchants in Glaſgow, was DISSOLVED by us the the Partners, by mutual conſent, from this date.

John Inglis.
Peter Fraſer.

NOTICE.

Glaſgow, September 15. 1781.

THE COPARTNERY, carried on under the firm of JOHN TILLOCH and COMPANY, is, by mutual conſent, DISSOLVED, and Mr John Auld is appointed to collect the debts owing to ſaid Company, and to pay off their debts.

The ſame buſineſs is now carried on by JOHN AULD.

☞ ALEXANDER and GEORGE TILLOCH carry on the ſame buſineſs, under the firm of JOHN TILLOCH and COMPANY.

John Auld.
Alex. Tilloch.
Geo. Tilloch.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE whole Creditors of the Honourable CHARLES BARCLAY MAITLAND, late of Tillicoultry, are requeſted to lodge particular notes of their debts with Andrew Steuart junior writer to the ſignet, betwixt and Martinmas next; and be then ready to receive their money, which will be paid at that term.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN the Sequeſtration of the perſonal eſtate of CHARLES MILN, Tide-waiter at Old Carabus, proceeding on the act of the 12th year of his preſent Majeſty, the Creditors of the ſaid Charles Miln having elected Alexander Sawers, writer in Dunbar, Truſtee; and the Court having approved of that election, and veſted the bankrupt's funds in his perſon accordingly, for behoof of the Creditors:—The ſaid Alexander Sawers hereby requeſts the whole creditors of the ſaid Charles Miln to lodge in his hands, before the 1ſt day of November next, their reſpective grounds and vouchers of debt, with their oaths of verity thereon, that a diviſion of the funds may be then made amongſt them: Certifying ſuch as ſhall fail to lodge their claims before the time above mentioned, that they will not afterwards be received, and that the funds will be divided amongſt the creditors ſolely who ſhall comply with this requeſt.

The funds to be divided will not exceed 42 l. or 43 l. ſterling in whole.

AYR RACES.

TO be run for over the Courſe at AYR, upon Wedneſday the 31ſt of October 1781, FIFTY POUNDS, for all ages, the beſt of three four-mile heats, to carry the following weights:

Four years old,	7 ſt. 11 lb.	Six years old,	8 ſt. 11 lb.
Five years old,	8 ſt. 5 lb.	Aged	9 ſtone.

The winner of a King's hundred to carry 5 lb. and the winner of a fifty pound, (ſince the firſt of March laſt) to carry 3 lb. extra.

To be run for over the ſame courſe, upon Friday the 2d of November, FIFTY POUNDS, by Hunters, actually hunted all laſt ſeaſon in Scotland, the beſt of three four-mile heats, and to carry 11 ſtone.

The Horſes to be entered at the King's-Arms, Ayr, on Wedneſday the 31ſt October, betwixt the hours of four and ſix in the afternoon.

There will be an ordinary at 2 s. 6 d. a-head; and gentlemen will only pay for what liquors they call for.

LORD HADDO,
SIR WILLIAM AUGUSTUS CUNNINGHAM, } Stewards.
MAJOR MONTGOMERIE,

☞ The firſt day's Race was, by miſtake, formerly advertiſed to be on Thurſday the 1ſt of November.—It ſhould have been Wedneſday the 31ſt of October.

HAMILTON RACES.

TO be RUN for over the courſe at Hamilton, upon Thurſday the 18th day of October 1781, FIFTY POUNDS, for all ages, the beſt of Three Four-mile Heats, to carry the following weights:

Four years old,	7 ſtone 8 lib.	Six years old,	9 ſtone 2 lib.
Five years old,	8 ſtone 8 lib.	Aged,	9 ſtone 6 lib.

The winner of a King's hundred to carry 5 lib. extraordinary.

The winner of one 50 l. to carry 3 lib. extra. ; and of two or more 50 l. 5 lib. extra.

AND

On Friday, 19th October 1781, to be Run for over the ſame courſe, TWENTY POUNDS, for all ages, carrying the ſame weights as above.

The horſes to be entered on Wedneſday the 17th of October, at the Town Clerk's office in Hamilton, betwixt four and ſix afternoon. One guinea of entrance-money to be paid for Thurſday's race, and half a guinea for Friday's.

Three reputed running horſes to enter for the Thurſday's Purſe, or no race without the conſent of the Stewards.

If any diſputes ariſe, to be determined by the Stewards of the race.

SALE of a HOUSE in DUNDEE.

THAT on Friday the 2d November next, there will be expoſed to public roup, within the Town-court room of Dundee, betwixt the hours of three and four afternoon,

That large TENEMENT of Land, Court, Coach-houſe, and Stables, lying upon the ſouth ſide of the Nethergate of Dundee, the property of Mr Fletcher of Lindertis.

The ſubjects will be ſhown any lawful day betwixt and the time of ſale. And the articles of roup, and title-deeds, which are clear, will be ſeen in the hands of Thomas Davidſon writer in Dundee.

A FARM TO LET.

TO be LET in leaſe for ſuch a number of years as ſhall be agreed on, and to be entered into at the term of Martinmas 1782,

The Farm of OXGANGS, conſiſting of about 172 acres Scots meaſure, all arable ground, of a good ſoil, and well watered, lying three miles ſouthweſt from Edinburgh, in the pariſh of Collington.

Propoſals to be given in, in writing, to Mr James Forreſt writer to the ſignet, St David's Street, New Town; and it may be depened on, that ſuch offers as are not accepted ſhall be kept ſecret.

THAT upon Thurſday the 11th day of October next 1781, there is to be SOLD, by public roup, at Walton in the pariſh of Cults, and ſhire of Fife, a large quantity of HORSES, OXEN, COWS, and other young Beſtial, with Corns and Fodder of all kinds, and ſome Labouring Inſtruments.

And, upon Friday the 12th day of the ſaid month, there is to be SOLD, by public roup, at the farm of Broomknow, in the pariſh of Ceres, a large quantity of HORSES, OXEN, COWS, QUEYS, and other Beſtial, with ſome SHEEP, and Corns and Fodder all kinds. Among the Beſtial are ſome FAT OXEN and COWS fit for ſlaughter, and ſix or ſeven Prime Spayed QUEYS, all fattened in the Struther Parks.

The roup on each of theſe days will begin at ten o'clock preciſely.

And, for encouragement of purchaſers, credit will be given on bill, with ſufficient caution; and, on payment of ready money, diſcount will be given at the rate of 5 per cent. at leaſt.

The articles and conditions of roup are to be ſeen in the hands of William Robertſon clerk of Cupar.

To be LET, the Houſe, Offices, and Parks of STRUTHERS, lying in the ſaid pariſh of Ceres. Apply to the ſaid William Robertſon.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS IN FIFE.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Parliament or New Seſſion-houſe of Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 28th day of November next, betwixt the hours of four and ſix afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills,

The LANDS and ESTATE of BUNZEON, which belonged to the eceaſed Robert George Bruce of Bunzeon, lying within the pariſhes of Cults and ſherriffdom of Fife, and the privilege of purchaſing the free teind thereof.

The free ſtock or rent of the lands amounts to 86 l. 7 s. 3 d. 5-12ths.

The proven rental of the lands, at twenty-three years purchaſe, is - - - - - L. 1986 7 6 7-12ths

The free teind amounts to 161. 5 d. 4-12ths, which, at five years purchaſe, is - - 80 2 2 8-12ths

Amounting, the total value of the ſaid lands and teind, after all deductions, to L. 2066 9 9 3-12ths

The lands hold blench of the Crown, for payment of one penny Scots.

The articles of roup may be ſeen at the office of Alexander Stevenſon depute clerk of ſeſſion; and further information will be got by applying to John Ruſſell junior clerk to the ſignet.

FARM IN PERTH-SHIRE TO LET.

To be LET, and entered to at Martinmas 1781,

THE large Farm of FINGASK, in the pariſh of Rhynd, and ſhire of Perth, lying moſtly to a ſouth expoſure; the lands on the high ground being of a ſweet mellow nature, fit for barley, clover, and turnip, or indeed any other crops; that below of rich carſe grounds, proper for wheat and bean crops. There are about ſeventy acres Scots of this kind of low ground, which have never yet been ploughed, lying well and conveniently for bringing lime by water within half a mile of that part of the farm. There are a good many ditches already made towards incloſing it, which will make the deſign of incloſing the whole more eaſy, and ſooner effected. And towards bringing in the 70 acres, it is propoſed that the proprietor give a certain allowance for lime, which, at communing, will be further explained.—There is a very good houſe lately repaired for the tenant; and, beſides an eaſy communication by water with Dundee or Leith, the farm lies within about three miles of Perth, both for a market and purchaſing dung. Part of the ground is under ſummer fallow this year, and part is laid down with clover, &c. for the conveniency of the entering tenant.

Andrew Davidſon writer in Perth will find a perſon to ſhow the premiſſes, and take any propoſals that may be made, or the proprietor at Kemback, by Cupar in Fife.

TO be SOLD, by private bargain, the LANDS and others following, viz.

The Lands and Eſtate of MILSLOP, lying in the pariſh of Melroſe, and county of Roxburgh, comprehending the farms of Calfhill, Allanſhawn, and Milſlop.

The Lands of LADYSIDE and CARVALD, lying in the pariſh of Herriot, and county of Edinburgh.

That PARK lying on the ſouth ſide of the town of Dalkeith, comprehending eight acres, preſently poſſeſſed by William Shiels nurſeryman and gardener.

Sundry HOUSES in the town of Dalkeith, lying at the head of the Common Cloſe, and preſently poſſeſſed by Mr Buckholm and others.

That LODGING or DWELLING-HOUSE, with the Garden, Coach-houſe, and Stables thereto belonging, lying at the weſt end of Lauriſton Street.

For particulars apply to William Riddel writer to the ſignet.

SALE OF LANDS IN ABERDEEN-SHIRE.

To be SOLD, by private bargain,

THE Lands and Eſtate of ELRICK, lying in the pariſh of New-Machar and county of Aberdeen; the yearly rent, including what is in the natural poſſeſſion of the proprietor, is upwards of 300 l. ſterling, free of every deduction whatever.——Theſe lands are of an excellent ſoil, lie compact, and are well accommodated with fewel.——They are almoſt entirely encloſed with march fences, and moſt of the farms are alſo incloſed.

The farm in the proprietor's poſſeſſion is moſtly incloſed with white thorn and beech tree hedges, which are thriving extremely well.

There is is a convenient manſion-houſe on the eſtate, and a ſet of new offices adjoining, which are built with ſtone and lime and covered with ſlate and tyle. There are a number of full grown and valuable trees on the eſtate, beſides ſeveral plantations of firs, and in particular one plantation of fifty acres of different kinds of timber, ten years old, and thriving extremely well. The eſtate holds of the Crown, and entitles the proprietor to a vote for a Member of Parliament.

For further particulars, apply to James Walker, writer to the ſignet in Edinburgh, or Arthur Dingwall Fordyce, Advocate in Aberdeen.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within John's Coffeehouſe of Edinburgh, on Tueſday the 20th November next, betwixt the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

The Lands and Eſtate of NEWFIELD,

lying in the pariſh of Durdonald, within four miles of the towns of Irving and Kilmarnock, and eight of the county town of Ayr. Theſe lands are ſufficiently incloſed, and divided by hedges and belts of planting. The proprietor has been ſeveral years in the natural poſſeſſion of the whole, and has laid out very conſiderable ſums in improvement. There is an exceeding good houſe upon the eſtate, with a ſuitable garden, and offices of all kinds.

The grounds abound with coal, which may be brought to yield conſiderable returns, being well ſituated for ſales, and within a very few miles of lime.

The lands hold of a ſubject-ſuperior, for payment of ſmall feu-duties, and the teinds are valued.

A plan of the eſtate, with the progreſs and articles of ſale, may be ſeen by applying to Mr David Ruſſel accomptant in Edinburgh, William Dick writer to the ſignet, or the proprietor at Newfield.

AS ALSO,

The SUPERIORITY of the four-merk Land of old extent of BRAIDILAND, lying in the bailiery of Cunningham, and ſhire of Ayr.

The old extent of theſe lands, which are holden of the Crown, is aſcertained by a retour prior to 1681, and they give a qualification in the county. The progreſs may be ſeen, by applying as above.

AND

The Lands of LETHAM, lying in the pariſh of Arngaſk, and ſhire of Fife. They are of conſiderable extent, and have been in graſs for ſeveral years.

They are held of a ſubject, for payment of a ſmall feu-duty.

Andrew Murray of Conland, near Kinroſs, will inform as to particulars; and the progreſs and meaſurement may be ſeen, by applying as above.

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